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April 21, 2003

Mr. T. Stuart Hill
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77 W. Jackson Blvd.
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Dear Mr. Hill:

I understand that there will be a public hearing April 23, 2003, in regards to the Himco Superfund Site. Having served almost four years as Mayor, I am very excited we are approaching a direction for this issue.

The City has recently established the Elkhart Aeroplex Business Park. This is a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district which includes the Airport, Superfund Site, and an area in between that will be developed as an industrial park. Having a clear direction in dealing with the old landfill will help us promote the area and redevelop the Superfund Site so that it accents the business park. There is substantial redevelopment occurring in the City of Elkhart both in the downtown and outlying areas. This is a great opportunity to resolve the Himco Dump Issue and plan a positive end use for the Site.

I want to convey to you my desire to have momentum begin and continue until the Site is remediated and redeveloped. Elkhart has made great strides in the redevelopment of brownfields. The resolution of the Himco Site will help improve the public attitude towards remediating and developing contaminated sites.

Thank you for your efforts here in Elkhart. Please contact me at 574-294-5471, Ext. 240, with any comments or questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Miller, Mayor
City of Elkhart

CC: Tom Bloom, USEPA Region 5, Redevelopment Coordinator
✓ Gwen Massenberg, USEPA Region 5, Remedial Project Manager

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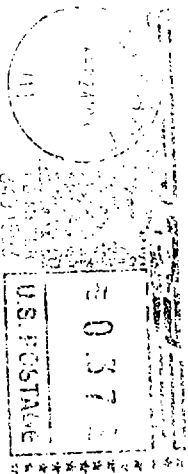
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